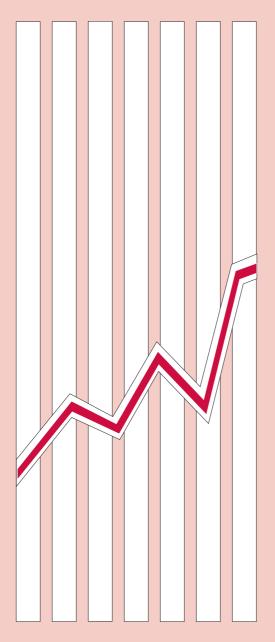


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BEA's estimates of gross state product (GSP) have been updated to reflect the most recent annual revisions of the NIPA's, of the national estimates of gross product by industry, and of the estimates of State personal income. In 1996, real GSP increased in all States except Alaska and Hawaii; the five States with the fastest growth rates were Utah, Nevada, Delaware, Oregon, and New Hampshire. In 1996, the five States with the largest shares of nominal GSP were California, New York, Texas, Illinois, and Florida. From 1989 to 1996, the per capita GSP estimates by region show the same trend of convergence toward the U.S. average that was evident in the estimates of per capita personal income by region.

## Foreign Direct Investment in the United States: New Investment in 1997 and Affiliate Operations in 1996

Outlays by foreign investors to acquire or establish businesses in the United States decreased from a record \$79.9 billion in 1996 to \$70.8 billion in 1997, the first decrease since 1992; the decrease reflected a reduction in the number of very large investments and a sharp decline in new investment from Japan. In 1996, most measures of the operations of U.S. affiliates of foreign companies increased. The gross product of affiliates increased 5 percent after increasing 3 percent in 1995, and employment by affiliates increased 1 percent after increasing 2 percent.

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- ☼ U.S. Travel and Tourism Satellite Accounts. An article that presents the 1992 travel and tourism satellite accounts for the United States will be published in the July Survey. The travel and tourism satellite accounts, an extension of the 1992 benchmark input-output accounts for the U.S. economy, provide measures of travel and tourism activities and employment in the United States. Bea is developing the new accounts with the support of the Tourism Industries Office of the International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.
- Annual Revision of the National Income and Product Accounts. An article presenting the revised NIPA estimates and discussing the major sources of the revisions will be published in the August Survey. The revisions will extend back to the first quarter of 1995. Selected estimates will be made available on July 31 as part of the release of the "advance" GDP estimates for the second quarter of 1998.

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